PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Teruhiko OHTSUKI et al

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For: OUTBOARD MOTOR AND TILLER HANDLE THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 23, 2003

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows. This Preliminary Amendment complies with the amendment format as set forth in 68 Fed. Reg. 38611 dated June 30, 2003.

Amendments to the claims are submitted on page 2.

Remarks are submitted on page 5.